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FOR CONSTABLE, NEA/PAB, FROM AMBASSADOR

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MAP TRAINING PROGRAM

REF: STATE 24222

1. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP GIVEN US IN
SUPPORT OF OUR REQUEST FOR MAINTENANCE OF CURRENT
MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM LEVELS. WE EXPECT
FAIRLY SOON TO HAVE INDICATIONS THROUGH DAO
CHANNELS JUST HOW MUCH COURSE PRICES ARE GOING
UP. UNTIL THEN WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO JUDGE
THE DAMAGE WE ARE LIKELY TO FACE AS RESULT OF
DOD'S NEW, RETROACTIVE PRICING POLICY.

2. YOUR SUGGESTIONS ARE WELL TAKEN ABOUT WAYS
WE CAN CUT COSTS. WE FOUND JUST LAST MONTH WE
COULD SAVE \$4400 FROM PROGRAMMED FUNDS BY ELIMINATING
LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR TWO COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE
ELECTEES WHOSE ENGLISH ALREADY MEASURES UP.

3. IN SAME CONNECTION WE ARE INVESTIGATIVB
POSSIBILITY OF USIS SUPPORT FOR A SMALL MAP
ENGLISH COURSE, THEREBY SAVING US AP DOLLARS
FOR COURSES WHICH CAN ONLY BE GIVEN BY U. S.
MILITARY.

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4. WE THINK THE AFGHAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
WOULD NOT BE WILLING AT THIS TIME TO FUND TRAIN-
ING FOR STUDENT OFFICERS IN THE U.S. USDAO
KABUL HAS SUGGESTED THAT WE APPROACH THE IRANIAN
GOVERNMENT FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING
SOME FUNDING FOR AFGHAN MILITARY IN THE U.S.
UNDER FOREIGN MILITARY SALES. WHILE I DO NOT
PERSONALLY SEE THIS WORKING IN THE NEAR FUTURE,
I DO BELIEVE IT IS SOMETHING WHICH WE SHOULD
BEAR IN MIND FOR FUTURE EXAMINATION AS AFGHAN-
IRANIAN RELATIONS DEVELOP.
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